

REPORT

DATE: August 22, 2006
TO: Regional Council and Administration Committee
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SUBJECT: Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize renewal of the contract with Fulbright & Jaworski contract to provide for continuing legal services for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Council previously authorized the retention of Fulbright & Jaworski and in particular, Colin Lennard to serve as the General Counsel. Mr. Lennard has served as SCAG's General Counsel for over twenty years. Under the terms of the current contract, Mr. Lennard provides legal services as requested by the Regional Council, Executive Director and the Chief Counsel. All legal services performed by the Fulbright & Jaworski firm are billed at the blended rate of \$255 an hour. At the time of preparing this memorandum Mr. Lennard had a death in his family and therefore, we were unable to finalize the proposed new hourly rate under the renewed contract. We will advise you of the new hourly rate at the time of consideration of this item. It should be noted however, that under any increased hourly rate the maximum amount payable under the contract will remain \$200,000 as it is today.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for legal services have been budgeted for Fiscal Year 06-07.